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## JULY LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATES ANNOUNCED

### METRO AREAS

**Madison** – Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman today announced a monthly decrease in July unemployment rates for eight of Wisconsin's metropolitan areas. Nine had rates lower than the statewide rate of 4.9 percent. All the July rates are non-seasonally adjusted numbers.

"Our economy continues to move forward," Secretary Gassman said. "Wisconsin's economy today is growing, adding jobs and creating more opportunities, compared to its performance several years ago. While we have more work to do, we are once again encouraged by the numbers and determined to create more opportunities for people to secure good, family supporting jobs."

The monthly unemployment rate decrease averaged two-tenths of a percent. The rates for the 12 metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) ranged from 3.4 percent in the Madison to 6.7 percent in Janesville. Annually, Janesville dropped two full percentage points below the July 2005 rate.

The Madison metro area posted a net, annual gain of 11,000 jobs representing the largest increase in jobs among the state's metro areas.

Most metro areas experienced a drop in non-farm employment, due primarily to teachers and other school employees who began their summer recess. The Madison area increased by 1,600 jobs, despite the seasonal trend and a reduction of 2,800 government jobs in July. Racine saw a small increase of 100 jobs overall, while other areas had lower employment totals from June to July.

### County Rates

Fifty-eight of the state's 72 counties had lower unemployment rates in July, with most ranging from one-tenth of a percentage point to five-tenths of a percentage point. Rusk County experienced the biggest drop, falling by 1.2 percentage points. Rates in three counties, Langlade, Racine and Trempealeau, remained unchanged. Eleven counties had higher rates in July compared to June. Dane County had the lowest rate, 3.3 percent, followed by Iowa County at 3.6 percent.

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## Employment and Labor Force

### Place of Residence Data

#### Unadjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
Total labor force	3,130,600	3,142,400	3,090,000
Employed	2,978,600	2,987,600	2,947,300
Unemployed	152,000	154,800	142,700
Wis. Unemployment Rate	4.9%	4.9%	4.6%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	5.0%	4.8%	5.2%

#### Adjusted labor force estimates

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Total labor force</i>	3,080,500	3,086,700	3,043,500
<i>Employed</i>	2,926,100	2,941,000	2,893,300
<i>Unemployed</i>	154,400	145,700	145,200
<i>Wis. Unemployment Rate</i>	5.0%	4.7%	4.8%
<i>U.S. Unemployment Rate</i>	4.8%	4.6%	5.0%

#### Unadjusted Unemployment Rate, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

<b>MSA</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	4.9	4.9	4.6
<i>Appleton</i>	4.6	4.8	4.2
<i>Eau Claire</i>	4.3	4.5	4.1
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	4.8	5.0	4.6
<i>Green Bay</i>	4.7	4.9	4.3
<i>Janesville</i>	6.7	5.2	8.7
<i>La Crosse</i>	3.9	4.0	3.8
<i>Madison</i>	3.4	3.6	3.2
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	5.5	5.5	5.1
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	4.6	4.8	4.3
<i>Racine</i>	6.0	6.0	5.9
<i>Sheboygan</i>	4.5	4.4	4.2
<i>Wausau</i>	4.3	4.7	3.8

### Place of Work Data

#### Nonfarm wage and salary estimates, by WI Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), in thousands

<b>MSA</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Month Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<i>Wisconsin</i>	2,889.9	2,915.7	2,861.1
<i>Appleton</i>	116.9	118.8	119
<i>Eau Claire</i>	80.2	80.6	79.2
<i>Fond du Lac</i>	48.8	48.8	48.9
<i>Green Bay</i>	171	171.4	169.5
<i>Janesville</i>	68.3	70.1	69.4
<i>La Crosse</i>	71.8	72.6	72.8
<i>Madison</i>	353.6	352	342.6
<i>Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis</i>	845.1	851	836.8
<i>Oshkosh-Neenah</i>	93	93.4	91.7
<i>Racine</i>	83	82.9	80.8
<i>Sheboygan</i>	63.7	64.7	64.8
<i>Wausau</i>	72.1	73.2	72.9

# WISCONSIN COUNTIES

## Unemployment Rates

July 2006

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE	RANK	COUNTY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
13	ADAMS	5.7%	5.8%	12	5.4%	49	MARATHON	4.3%	4.7%	44	3.8%
7	ASHLAND	6.4%	6.6%	4	7.1%	9	MARINETTE	6.1%	6.0%	10	5.4%
36	BARRON	4.7%	4.9%	38	4.2%	15	MARQUETTE	5.5%	5.6%	15	5.2%
26	BAYFIELD	4.8%	5.2%	22	4.1%	1	MENOMINEE	16.0%	14.3%	1	12.3%
41	BROWN	4.5%	4.9%	35	4.2%	5	MILWAUKEE	6.5%	6.4%	7	6.0%
69	BUFFALO	3.8%	3.9%	68	3.7%	60	MONROE	4.1%	4.2%	63	3.6%
37	BURNETT	4.6%	4.9%	36	4.5%	14	OCONTO	5.7%	5.4%	20	4.4%
65	CALUMET	3.9%	4.2%	61	4.1%	30	ONEIDA	4.8%	5.1%	29	4.4%
43	CHIPPEWA	4.5%	4.7%	45	4.4%	32	OUTAGAMIE	4.8%	5.0%	32	4.2%
25	CLARK	4.9%	5.0%	33	4.6%	66	OZAUKEE	3.9%	4.2%	62	3.8%
58	COLUMBIA	4.2%	4.3%	60	3.9%	53	PEPIN	4.3%	4.4%	54	4.4%
46	CRAWFORD	4.4%	4.9%	34	4.4%	70	PIERCE	3.7%	3.5%	72	3.5%
72	DANE	3.3%	3.5%	71	3.2%	29	POLK	4.8%	5.2%	25	4.0%
24	DODGE	4.9%	5.2%	27	4.8%	38	PORTAGE	4.6%	4.9%	37	4.4%
68	DOOR	3.8%	4.3%	57	3.6%	6	PRICE	6.4%	6.8%	3	4.7%
34	DOUGLAS	4.8%	4.7%	47	4.8%	10	RACINE	6.0%	6.0%	9	5.9%
62	DUNN	4.1%	4.2%	65	3.9%	42	RICHLAND	4.5%	4.8%	40	3.7%
50	EAU CLAIRE	4.3%	4.5%	48	3.9%	2	ROCK	6.7%	5.2%	28	8.7%
12	FLORENCE	5.7%	6.2%	8	6.6%	18	RUSK	5.2%	6.4%	5	4.7%
31	FOND DU LAC	4.8%	5.0%	31	4.6%	64	SAUK	3.9%	4.3%	58	3.7%
4	FOREST	6.5%	6.4%	6	6.0%	21	SAWYER	5.0%	5.5%	17	4.4%
47	GRANT	4.4%	4.5%	51	4.0%	23	SHAWANO	4.9%	5.2%	26	4.2%
51	GREEN	4.3%	4.5%	49	4.5%	45	SHEBOYGAN	4.5%	4.4%	56	4.2%
27	GREEN LAKE	4.8%	5.2%	23	4.7%	55	ST. CROIX	4.3%	3.9%	69	3.8%
71	IOWA	3.6%	3.8%	70	3.3%	57	TAYLOR	4.2%	4.4%	53	4.1%
3	IRON	6.5%	6.9%	2	7.9%	63	TREMPEALEAU	4.0%	4.0%	67	3.6%
28	JACKSON	4.8%	5.2%	24	4.7%	35	VERNON	4.7%	5.0%	30	3.9%
54	JEFFERSON	4.3%	4.4%	55	4.1%	48	VILAS	4.3%	4.7%	43	3.9%
22	JUNEAU	5.0%	5.3%	21	5.0%	59	WALWORTH	4.1%	4.3%	59	3.9%
8	KENOSHA	6.3%	5.7%	13	6.2%	19	WASHBURN	5.2%	5.4%	19	4.7%
44	KEWAUNEE	4.5%	4.7%	46	4.0%	52	WASHINGTON	4.3%	4.5%	50	3.9%
67	LA CROSSE	3.9%	4.0%	66	3.8%	61	WAUKESHA	4.1%	4.2%	64	3.8%
56	LAFAYETTE	4.2%	4.4%	52	3.7%	39	WAUPACA	4.6%	4.8%	41	4.9%
11	LANGLADE	5.9%	5.9%	11	5.2%	20	WAUSHARA	5.1%	5.6%	14	4.6%
17	LINCOLN	5.3%	5.5%	18	4.4%	40	WINNEBAGO	4.6%	4.8%	42	4.3%
33	MANITOWOC	4.8%	4.9%	39	4.6%	16	WOOD	5.5%	5.6%	16	5.1%

**WISCONSIN CITIES**  
**Unemployment Rates**  
**July 2006**  
 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)

RANK	CITY	RATE	LAST RATE	LAST RANK	YR AGO RATE
7	APPLETON CITY	6.3%	6.5%	5	5.6%
2	BELOIT CITY	9.3%	7.9%	2	9.4%
27	BROOKFIELD CITY	3.8%	4.0%	26	3.4%
18	EAU CLAIRE CITY	4.8%	4.9%	18	4.4%
9	FOND DU LAC CITY	5.9%	6.1%	9	5.3%
25	FRANKLIN CITY	4.0%	4.2%	24	3.8%
6	GREEN BAY CITY	6.7%	7.0%	4	6.4%
20	GREENFIELD CITY	4.7%	4.7%	20	4.2%
4	JANESVILLE CITY	7.8%	5.0%	16	11.2%
5	KENOSHA CITY	7.2%	6.4%	7	7.2%
19	LA CROSSE CITY	4.7%	4.9%	17	4.7%
28	MADISON CITY	3.4%	3.7%	28	3.2%
13	MANITOWOC CITY	5.8%	5.9%	10	5.5%
26	MENOMONEE FALLS VILLAGE	3.9%	4.1%	25	3.7%
3	MILWAUKEE CITY	8.0%	7.8%	3	7.5%
23	NEENAH CITY	4.1%	3.9%	27	3.4%
24	NEW BERLIN CITY	4.0%	4.3%	22	3.7%
21	OAK CREEK CITY	4.5%	4.4%	21	4.0%
17	OSHKOSH CITY	4.9%	5.3%	15	5.0%
1	RACINE CITY	9.3%	9.2%	1	9.8%
11	SHEBOYGAN CITY	5.9%	5.4%	14	5.6%
12	STEVENS POINT CITY	5.8%	6.4%	6	5.6%
16	SUPERIOR CITY	5.0%	4.8%	19	5.2%
15	WAUKESHA CITY	5.3%	5.4%	13	4.9%
8	WAUSAU CITY	6.0%	6.2%	8	5.3%
22	WAUWATOSA CITY	4.2%	4.3%	23	3.8%
14	WEST ALLIS CITY	5.7%	5.6%	12	4.9%
10	WEST BEND CITY	5.9%	5.9%	11	5.8%

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